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THE NEW ERA

Within the past month or two the Gazette has, on occasion, referred to the Disarmament Conference as the beginning of a New Era. It has pointed to its sessions as among the most important events in history. It is a singular, but none the less emphatic confirmation of the Gazette's analysis of the event, that the envoys from Europe, with hardly an exception, in their Christmas Greetings to the people of the United States through the press representatives, alluded to the Conference achievements as pointing to a new era: the exact phrase of the editorial columns of this paper.

We have likewise observed that the *New York Times* and the *New York World*, at a later date, took precisely the same standpoint as to the so-called Four-Power Treaty, as had the Gazette.

We mention these flattering coincidences, not as a matter of self-gratulation, but rather as an assurance to our readers that the editorials of the Gazette are, though often hastily expressed, carefully thought out before hand.

The importance of this new era in international relationship can hardly be emphasized too strongly. It is a change and shifting in the affairs of the world that almost reverses the viewpoint of mankind for thousands of antecedent years. It does more than this: it lays the predicate for reforms that would otherwise have been impossible. It has enounced a new doctrine in international relationships, to which the world-old practice of diplomacy is utterly foreign. In fact the very word "diplomacy" has grown to be distasteful to men of principle, smacking as it does, of cunning and hypocrisy and double-dealing.

This change of humanity's viewpoint, we must confess, is due to a very great extent to the inventions in the physical world. We have always been opposed to that philosophy which gave, as it seemed to us, over-prominence to the body and the material universe, as contrasted with the soul and the spiritual universe. But we shall have to concede, however reluctantly, that the material does play a very important part in the history of mankind. It is subordinate, but it is nevertheless the base and foundation upon which rests the spiritual superstructure. Indeed, in this life of ours, conditioned upon a world of matter, it could hardly be otherwise. It is only in a future existence that we shall rise superior to that knowledge attained through the senses and acquired by experience. It is only the rare geniuses of our race who do not have to reason a posteriori but think in a priori terms.

In the last hundred years Man has subjugated more of the forces of Nature than during the preceding three thousand. He has harnessed them to do his bidding, and is, as never before, the lord of creation. It is to this we refer, when we say that the change in humanity's viewpoint is due largely to the inventions of men and their discovery of the unchanging laws of matter. The freer the mind is of the body and the material world the more it can devote itself to its own cultivation and emancipation. It seems anomalous, but it is not, to say

that there have been no spiritual laws discovered since the beginnings of history. The ethics of the world has been the same, from Moses and his predecessors to the present day. It is only in the discoveries of physical laws that Man has advanced, and this has been advancement only because it has liberated him from the shackles of space and time, and given him more leisure to devote to his spiritual culture. Never an invention yet, not designed to save time!

The annihilation of space and the economy of time have so contracted the limits of the world that today we in America touch elbows with Japan and China. Our very day begins with what happened in the remote jungles of Africa or the far-off tablelands of Tibet on yesternight. An earthquake in Patagonia or a famine in Labrador concerns us at breakfast as much as a fire in the next block. All the world and his wife are become neighbors. And we cannot be neighbors without identity of interest. Identity of interest means communion of thought, sympathy of aspiration, oneness in the objects and ideals of existence.

This is the New Era to which the first people's conference in history is silently pointing. Here is the parting of the ways, the divergence of many paths, and the world has chosen the right one. And there is therefore good reason for general rejoicing among the peoples, especially at this season of thanksgiving and new resolve.

HEALTH NEWS

Annual Report of the U. S. Public Health Service.

The annual report of the surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1921, has been issued. This report covers the one hundred and twenty-third year of the existence of the service.

The report states that: "As organized, the public health service constitutes by far the largest federal agency for the protection of the public health, and the most important federal functions are (1) the prevention of the introduction of diseases into the United States, or from one state to another state; (2) the investigation of diseases of man and stream pollution; (3) supervision and control of biologic products; (4) public health education; and (5) the operation of hospital service for its beneficiaries, including disabled, ex-service men and women."

"Concerning the work of the public health service for the veterans of the world war, . . . that service has met this emergency in an efficient manner as it was humanly possible under the circumstances to do. Since the beginning of this work the service has examined over 1,000,000 applicants for compensation, furnished hospital care to 200,000 patients, dispensary treatment to about 1,300,000 patients, dental service to 75,000 patients, and occupational and physiotherapy to 10,000 patients each week. In order to furnish this treatment it has assembled a personnel consisting of 1,207 commissioned medical officers, about 1,100 medical and other consultants, 1,637 nurses, 145 dietitians, 498 reconstruction aides, and about 12,400 other personnel."

The electric eel is the most powerful of the electric fishes. Its electric shock is sufficient to paralyze temporarily a man or large animal.

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The Woman About Town

It seems to the Woman About Town that the bravest work in the campaign of any great organization is done by the isolated unit,—the branch of any national society in a small town, where it is a sort of Lost Battalion without a Whittlesby. Or perhaps these solitary units are more like the lonely and forgotten soldiery left to do guard duty on the Mexican border while 90-day officers and drafted men crowded the transports.

It is hard to keep the vision when the irritating round of little things frays the nerves and dulls the fine edge of ambition. The doings of the national organization, the accomplishment of its lofty aims, seem so remote, and the lukewarm interest, the scanty attendance, the lack of funds, are so dishearteningly near. It is a case of not being able to see the forest for the trees; the details of local work catch the eye and the greatness of the whole is lost to sight.

A few years ago the W. C. T. U. meant to most of us a little group of women who met to further the cause of temperance in their own town. For them there was no press agent; no newspaper mention, except in the joke column. But quietly, faithfully, these women and those in the other little groups throughout the country taught the children of the day not only the strict pledge of total abstinence but also the lovely doctrine of temperate life and thought.

The average American—may his tribe increase—has scant respect for the Pussyfoot Johnsons and their disciples. But he does respect good citizenship and is glad to go back to the fountainhead and render unto the American mother the things due her alone.

Probably the question of Who Won the War will never be answered and whoever attempts to settle the matter will need a special providence watching over him. One thing is sure, however; but for the liaison officers of the allied forces, peace terms would have been dictated from Berlin.

The National Federation of Women's Clubs, the National and International Councils of Women are the Bureau of Organization Intelligence of the feminine world.

Latvia, Polonia, Roumania, even, are but names to which only vague information is attached. Yet Latvia is coming into the International Council of Women; Polonia is founding a branch of the council; Roumania has asked for affiliation.

When the women of the world speak to each other in an universal language of womanhood, it means not only improved economic and educational standards but a strengthening of moral fibre.

No longer need the women of America speculate on the mental attitude of other countries. The International Council of Women, in its message, from the women of Poland to the women of America, and our ideas and ideals are in turn, committed to the women of Holland and Austria. With this new feeling of personal value comes an awakening of forces and energies hitherto sleeping.

The liaison officers have established communication; ignorance and prejudice are going down to defeat.

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"If I only knew what to do with baby!"
"Didn't you get a book of instructions with it, mother?"—Kasper (Stockholm).

He—"I spent a lot of money at Kelly pool this winter."
She—"Did you like it as well as Hot Springs?"—Purple Cow (Wilkins).

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Church Aid For Unemployed

All the various Protestant denominations connected with the Federal Council of Churches were called upon today by the Commission of which John M. Moore, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, is chairman, to get behind the President's Conference on Unemployment immediately, through the churches of the nation. Every church is asked to hold itself responsible for the adequate care of its own people who are in trouble. Churches whose members are not especially affected by unemployment are requested to aid those congregations whose people are in need.

The Federal Council's plan is briefly as follows: See a case through when once undertaken; register those whom you plan to help; work according to modern methods of relief; a loan fund is desirable which will provide loans without interest to known families.

"The main thing is to find jobs," reads the bulletin. "It should be remembered that this means women and girls as well as men. Men's and women's organizations of the church when effective, might be assigned responsibility for organizing and developing employment service. Plan your procedure in conference with your central employment bureau and strengthen its work."

"If your community has no provision for housing homeless persons, accompanied by a work test, such

provisions should be made at once. Whatever is done, even if temporary, should be in accord with sanitary requirements, should promote self-respect and should be done under experienced management. It is always possible to pay the board and lodging of men who are without money or home. Men out of work should be discouraged from leaving their own communities in a period of general unemployment.

"In view of the magnitude of the present emergency and the need for concerted action, it is recommended that pastors and representatives of the churches, including, if possible, Protestant, Catholic and Hebrew, meet at an early date to consider the situation in their own communities and to devise measures of relief in conference with the leaders of local social agencies. These recommendations have been made as specific as possible, but they will need to be adjusted to local conditions and resources. The Committee plans to convene a later conference to consider the deeper cause of unemployment."

Col. Arthur Woods, Chairman of the Committee on Civic and Emergency Measures of the Conference expressed himself as highly pleased as it is planned to push the church employment work in those communities where other adequate organization along the lines suggested by the President's Conference does not exist.



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